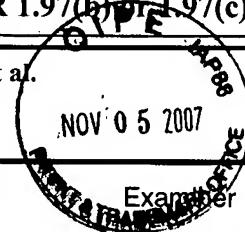


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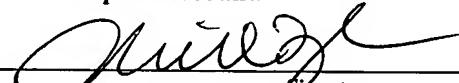
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

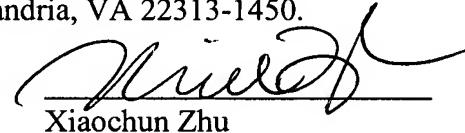
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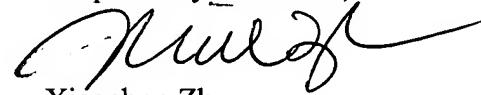
The reference was cited in an Office Action dated August 2, 2007 received from the European Patent Office. The relevance of the reference is described in the Office Action. A copy of the European Office Action and a copy of this reference are enclosed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the other references cited in the European Office Action, namely, (D1) Uwe M. et al., "Serum Follistatin Concentrations are Increased in Patients with Septicaemia" *Chemical Endocrinology*, 48:413-417 (1998); (D2) Hübner G. et al., "Activin A: A Novel Player and Inflammatory Marker in Inflammatory Bowel Disease?", *Laboratory Investigation* 77(4):311-318 (1997); (D3) Jones K.L. et al., "Activin A Release into the Circulation is an Early Event in Systemic Inflammation and Precedes the Release of Follistatin", *Endocrinology* 141(5):1905-1908 (2000); and (D4) De Kretser D.M. et al., "Activin A and Follistatin: Their Role in the Acute Phase Reaction and Inflammation", *Journal of Endocrinology* 161:195-198 (1999), were previously submitted with Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement dated January 26, 2007.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits an Official Action by a foreign examiner in which the reference was cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the Office Action issued in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the Office Action, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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